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PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Aratani, et al.

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SPUTTERING TARGET MATERIAL,  
THIN FILM FORMED USING SAME,  
AND OPTICAL RECORDING MEDIUM

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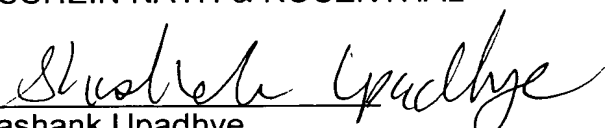
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